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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Jones. Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature, Senator Baker, I have no problem with your amendment. Senator Schrock, I wanted to explore a little more of the bill with you. Section 8 on page 14, this section is part of the livestock waste control sections, 54-2400, in that group of statutes. Is that right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: We're trying to find the spot here. What page, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Page 14, Senator, Section 8. It looks like that this is intended to be put into the statutes in Section 54-2400 that is part of the livestock waste provisions. Is that right? Okay. I think Senator Schrock is indicating that that's...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes. The answer is yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And could you just...I think I understand what that section is about, but could you just explain it a little more? Is it relating the rights of water users to, and further permitting or adding criteria to the construction of livestock waste facilities so that they are not either intentionally or unintentionally storing water that might be used for purposes other than lagoon facilities for livestock? Is that the intent of this?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, they have to do this now. It just clarifies where it needs to be. Of course, most livestock facilities are designed so that the rainfall events will bypass the lagoons, but of course they will catch off...they will catch the runoff from the area of the facility. Of course, as you know, the lagoons for swine facilities are much different than the lagoons for cattle feedlots.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, this is adding, as I see it, a fairly complicated regulatory structure to that process. I mean there are several, several fairly complicated criteria here with